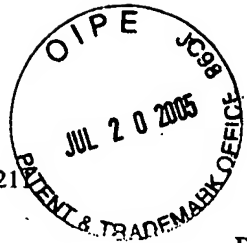


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Title	:	DEVICE FOR BINDING A BOOT	)	
		TO A SPORTS APPARATUS	)	

**STATEMENT REGARDING SUBSTANCE OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW**

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Sir:

Pursuant to the one-month time limit set in the Interview Summary (form PTOL-413), mailed with the Notice of Allowability (form PTOL-37) on June 22, 2005, Applicants herewith file a statement of the substance of the telephonic interview of June 15, 2005.

During the interview, Applicants' undersigned representative discussed with Examiner Shriver an amendment that would result in the allowance of the instant application.

The amendment has been entered by the Examiner in the form of an Examiner's Amendment, which is attached to the aforementioned Notice of Allowability.

In particular, the independent claims 1 and 28 have been amended to change "directly or indirectly" to specify that the flexible linkage connects the elastic member "to the sole of the boot or to a connecting member on which the sole is connected ...."

Other amendments to dependent claims are of a cosmetic nature, not having been made for reasons of patentability.

Any comment or question concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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